

Suggested Questions for Discussion

1. Can you name some of the changes in Patou's life? Why do you think Patou did not like change?
2. How do you feel when things change in your life?
3. Can you remember a change that was hard on you?
4. Can you remember a change that was good?
5. Have you ever gone to a funeral or memorial service? If so, what was it like?
6. Why do you think that sometimes Patou did not feel like eating, had a hard time sleeping and had a stomach ache?
7. Can you name some of Patou's feelings in this story? Do you have some of the same feelings? If so, which ones and what are they like?
8. When people die, sometimes they are buried and sometimes they are cremated. Would you like to talk about this?
9. If a person or a pet that you love has died, what are some of the things that you do to feel better when you miss them?



Suggested Art Projects

1. Patou had a lot of things he wished he could have told Niki before Niki died. Write a letter for Patou telling Niki some of the things he wished he had had a chance to say before Niki died. Or write a special letter to the person or pet in your life who died. You can decorate the letter if you want.
2. What feelings do you have about the person or pet you knew who died? Draw some or all of those feelings.
3. Draw a picture of you and the person or pet who died doing something you both used to like to do together.
4. Draw a picture or make a collage of the person or pet who died and decorate it with their favorite colors, words and objects.
5. Make a card for the person or pet who died telling or showing them how you feel.
6. Would you like to remember the person or pet that died by creating something meaningful for you? This could be a song, a dance, a walk in the garden, or planting seeds, small plants or trees, just to name a few.

